

# The Washington State ARCHITECTS

## NEWS BULLETIN

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### What's new

#### **Meeting Date Change for October 2012**

Due to a scheduling conflict, the October 2012 board meeting has been moved from October 19 to October 26. The board will still meet with students during the lunch hour. Visit the board's [website](#) for meeting information updates and agendas.

#### **Your board members:**

Neitha Wilkey, AIA, Chair – Lakewood  
Colin Jones, AIA, Vice Chair – Seattle  
Benson A. Nielsen, AIA, NCARB, Secretary – Spokane  
Rick Benner, AIA, Member – Sumas  
Pamela J. Transue, Public Member – Tacoma  
Blaine Weber, AIA, Member – Seattle  
Charles F. Farrell, AIA, Chair – Camas

#### **2012 Board Meeting Schedule**

Meeting agendas and minutes are published on our [website](#) as they become available. All meetings are scheduled to start at 9 AM

October 26, 2012	Washington State University, Pullman
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2013 meeting dates will be set at the October meeting

### Complaints and disciplinary activity

The Washington State Board for Architects regulates the industry by investigating complaints of unprofessional conduct and incompetence against licensees, and issues of unlicensed practice. When a complaint is received by the board, an initial investigation is started to gather information about the situation, and usually involves contact with the subject of the complaint (the respondent).

#### **Current Cases:**

Unlicensed practice	7
Unprofessional conduct	0
<b>Total open cases:</b>	<b>7</b>

A board member is assigned as a case manager and serves as the technical expert. The investigation process can be lengthy and the case has several possible outcomes. The case may be closed by the board with no further action if not enough evidence is found to support the complaint or the respondent quickly remedies the situation. For more serious issues, the board may issue a statement of charges against the respondent, with sanctions for each offense. The respondent has an opportunity for a settlement conference to negotiate the sanctions or can ask for a hearing.

Use of the words “architect,” “architecture” and “architectural” is a common basis for unlicensed practice complaints. The board regularly reviews unlicensed practice cases where the respondent advertised as an architect. In each of these cases, the board clarifies the protected status of this language according to RCW 18.08.310 and asks for compliance.

- If the respondent complies with the law, if no evidence supports the allegation, or if the respondent was appropriately using licensed architects to provide the architectural services, the board closes the case with no further action.
- If the respondent fails to comply with the law, the case manager recommends charges, with a corresponding sanction.

At the August 24, 2012 meeting, the board closed two cases:

Case	Allegation	Board Action
2011-12-0401-00ARC Hissong Design Group, LLC Joshua Hissong	Unlicensed practice	The board received an anonymous complaint alleging unlicensed activity, with a copy of the Respondent's website listing architecture as a provided service. Additionally, the Respondent's Facebook page and the Department of Revenue's online business licensing system also indicated the Respondent was an architect. The case manager recommended closure of this case because upon being notified, the Respondent removed all references to architecture from the website, Facebook, and with the Department of Revenue.
2012-06-0400-00ARC Olivia Yang	Unprofessional conduct	An anonymous complaint alleged the Respondent, an employee of Washington State University, was not stamping work. The case manager recommended closure of this complaint because the current law requires stamping and sealing only on documents submitted to a building department. WSU acts as its own building department and is therefore not required to stamp and seal documents.

Also at the August 24, 2012 meeting, the board accepted one agreed order.

Case	Board Action
2010-07-0400-00ARC Anne Van Dyne	In lieu of further disciplinary procedures, the Licensee's license to practice professional architecture in the state of Washington was voluntarily surrendered and licensee shall never practice as a professional architect in the state of Washington, including any temporary, emergency, or volunteer practice. The Licensee shall immediately return to the Board her Architect wall certificate and all copies of current credentials and shall never practice architecture and never reapply for licensure in the state of Washington or any other jurisdiction.

## Licensee news

Congratulations! The Washington State Board for Architects and staff welcomed 41 new licensees to the profession between June 16, 2012 and August 31, 2012.

First License (17)		Washington Reciprocal License (24)	
Matthew Allert David Balian Uwe Rudolf Bergk Justin Robert Borst Nathan Baker Campbell Alex Hamilton DeMambro Maximillian Foley Abdessami Houari Danielle Marie Ittner	Meredith Helen Kelly Seamus Walter Kelly Karl T. Koning Mathew Francis Lipps Robert Michael More Steve Ray Stapp Quintin Paul Sutter Louise W. Wackerman	Brian James Andringa James David Beckett Ronald Stanley Briggs Joel George Chamberlain Curtis Andrew Coleman Nathan Thomas Coopridge Bane Gaiser David Barton Grooms Reza Ali Hadaegh William Eugene Heitz Byron Thomas Hills Robert Neal Humason	Christopher Evans Keane Lydell Jason King Celia Louie Scott Richard Olcott Anne Rainbow Savage Kenneth William Schneider Brian Robert Slator Kenneth Charles Small Frank E. Talbert Victor Mariano Thomas Don Weinreich Robert B. Winton

## Professional Development Requirements

Remember - as of **July 1, 2011** the new law regulating the profession of architecture requires continuing professional development hours (PDH). The board developed a flexible and liberal approach to implement the continuing education requirements. Visit our website for more information.

<b>How many hours of PD activities do I need?</b>	You need to accumulate 24 professional development hours (PDH) over your 2-year renewal period. At least 16 PDH must address public health, safety, and welfare.
<b>Where can I find a list of activities or classes?</b>	Contact your professional associations, ( <a href="#">American Institute of Architects Washington Council</a> , <a href="#">American Institute for Architects</a> ) and related professions ( <a href="#">National Society of Professional Engineers</a> ). Look at the list of qualifying activities on our <a href="#">webpage</a> : it's possible that many of your existing activities qualify and you just need to record them.
<b>How do I record my hours?</b>	Keep track of the classes you attend or the activities you participate in – you can use your own method, the <a href="#">worksheet</a> provided by the board or the <a href="#">American Institute of Architect Continuing Education System</a> . Keep receipts or certificates of completion. If you don't have these records, keep the agendas, handouts, copies of book covers, etc. to show you were involved in the activity. You should keep these records for 5 years.
<b>What if I get audited?</b>	You'll be asked to submit your records and supporting materials. If the board determines you are missing hours or some of your activities don't qualify, we may require you to make up the shortage.
<b>When do I start recording my hours?</b>	Start recording your PDH now. The audits will start after July 2013.
<b>What if I have more questions?</b>	1) Visit the board's <a href="#">website</a> : we have examples of qualifying activities, sample record keeping forms, and more. 2) Review the new <a href="#">rules</a> , especially sections 308-12-250 through 308-12-290.

## Keep your license active – remember these tips:

1. Renewal fees are due every other birthday and are your responsibility.
2. Renewal notices are a courtesy—you are accountable for renewing even if you don't receive a notice.
3. You should notify our office when you change your address: [architects@dol.wa.gov](mailto:architects@dol.wa.gov) or 360-664-1388.
4. Keep your professional development records current. Information and forms to assist you are available on our [website](#).

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*We are committed to providing equal access to our services.*

*If you need accommodation, please call 360-664-6597 or TTY 360-664-0116.*

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